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SUBJECT: TARVEL TO UNITED STATES OF MAPAM MK

1. DOV ZAKIN, PROMINENT MAPAM MEMBER OF THE KNESSET, HAS NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY OF HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES ON A BONDS TOUR AND HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS. ZAKIN WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 19 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS THERE OR IN WASHINGTON FROM SEPTEMBER 19-28. UPON ARRIVAL HE WILL TELEPHONE WALTER SMITH (NEA/IAI). HE ASKED THAT APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED, IF POSSIBLE, WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, WITH FORMER UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, AND WITH SENATORS KENNEDY, HUMPHREY AND RIBICOFF. ZAKIN WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL OCTOBER 19 BUT HIS SCHEDULE AFTER SEPTEMBER 28 IS NOT YET CLEAR. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE ISRAELI MISSION AT THE UN.

2. ON PREVIOUS VISITS ZAKIN MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ON ONE OCCASION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE RECOMMEND THAT HE BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THESE APPOINTMENTS. HE IS REGARDED AS A STRONG MAPAM CANDIDATE FOR A MINISTERIAL POST. WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A USEFUL CONTACT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVER OF THE POLITICAL SCENE AND HE WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN MAPAM'S DECISION REGARDING WHETHER TO REMAIN IN THE ALIGNMENT NEXT YEAR.
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